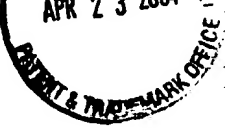


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED  
NOVEMBER 6, 2003**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 6, 2003 in the above-identified case, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response. Also submitted is a Request for a Three-Month Extension of Time and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). Applicants further submit a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment and accompanying papers in the application.

**Amendment**

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.